

Salute To A Neighborhood Hero

August/September 2005

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

A Publication Of The Office Of Neighborhood Coordination



Princess Jeanne Wins More Than A Tug Of War

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Increasing Communication Between Neighborhood Associations."



NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS/NEW OFFICERS

The Office of Neighborhood Coordination "welcomes" new presidents of neighborhood associations and says a "special thank you" to outgoing presidents. Thank you for all your hard work and commitment to the improvement of the life-style of your neighborhood.

Neighborhood Association

Antelope Run
Barelas
Saragossa

"Welcome" to Incoming President

Tony Bull
Cathy Garcia
Dean Fackrell

"Thanks" to Outgoing President

Howie Herbert
Steve Meyer
Brad Jensen

- Los Alamos Neighborhood Association regained their "Recognized" status on August 2, 2005

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION(S)

The *Carmel Homeowners Association* is located in *City Council District 4, Police Beat – 433/NE, County Commission District 4*. The contacts for this association are *Ross Dimmick* and *Carol Rickert Asbury*. **Welcome Aboard!!**

Just a Reminder: We will need the original Annual Report AND a copy of the announcement of your Annual Meeting submitted to our office **before** your Annual Report will be approved for the year. Please call Dalaina at 924-3906 for further information. Please make sure that you have the correct addresses listed for your officers on your Annual Report. Annual Reports for the following months are due:

June Annual Reports are due:

September 1, 2005

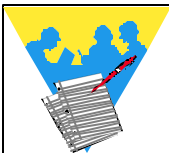
July Annual Reports are due:

October 1, 2005

August Annual Reports are due:

November 1, 2005

ATTENTION: When submitting your yearly Annual Report please mail to our physical street address below:
Planning Department/Office of Neighborhood Coordination
Attention: Dalaina Carmona
600 Second Street NW, Rm. 120 (Basement Level)
Albuquerque, NM 87102



Neighborhood Workshop Corner

Parliamentary Procedures Workshop - Part II
Saturday, September 17, 2005
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Plaza del Sol Hearing Room

This is "Part Deux" of the Parliamentary Procedures Workshop series. This workshop is designed to take the mystery and trepidation out of using Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure. Using "The Complete Idiot's Guide," this workshop will continue where we left off and teach you in more detail about the "basics" of Parliamentary Procedures.

Neighborhood Association Patrol Training
Saturday, October 8, 2005
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

APD Training Academy

5412 Second Street NW (just south of Montano at Second, east side)

Community Policing is a philosophy, which recognizes the mutual dependence and shared responsibility of the police and community in making Albuquerque safer and more livable. Neighborhood Association Patrols are not in and of themselves community policing, but one tool that may be selected by neighborhoods to maintain or improve safety in the Neighborhood Registration for all workshops closes at 12 noon the day before the training. You may register for workshops by calling ONC at **924-3914**, by fax at **924-3913** or on-line at <http://www.cabq.gov/planning/nbr/workshop.html>. Please pre-register.

To accommodate all workshop participants, you must be pre-registered to attend these workshops. Registration includes your name, address, telephone number and association. We appreciate your consideration and cooperation.

Workshops are held in the Plaza Del Sol Building Hearing Room #160, Basement Level,
600 Second St. NW, unless indicated otherwise.



Across The City



Metro Court

MVD Office Approved Next To Metro Court

Customers at the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court won't have to go far to finish their business with New Mexico Motor Vehicle Department (MVD). A new MVD office in the first floor of north end of the Metro Park structure will be opening this fall.

"Having an MVD service center next to the courthouse will facilitate the resolution of many cases," said Metropolitan Court Chief Judge Judith Nakamura. "More than 200 people a day are sent each day by judges or by our Customer Service clerks to MVD to take care of licensing or other matters. Having MVD next door will allow our customers to resolve issues and return almost immediately to court to complete their cases."

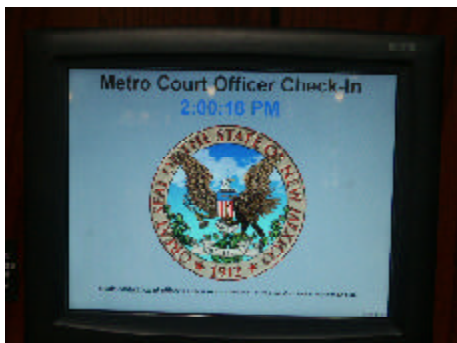
"We have gained the assistance and support from Chief Justice Richard Bosson and Governor Bill Richardson. They helped make this MVD office a reality," said Judge Nakamura.

Lease negotiations were completed and the MVD contract was recently approved by the State Board of Finance and other state agencies. The MVD office will be about 3000 square feet and is located on the north end of the parking structure. "The original building planning team included an MVD office in the Metro Park building for the convenience of court customers, employees and the general public," said Court Administrator Marc Saavedra. "The need for an MVD location near the court has been a priority for some time now," he added.

Saavedra said the MVD office was part of the original planning for the parking structure as a means to expediting all cases in front of the court. A general consensus between the court, the legislative and executive branches of government was reached when the plan was discussed at the DWI Summit held at Metro Court in January.

Metro Park provides parking and easy access to the downtown courthouses. Signs for the MVD will be clearly displayed on 4th Street, Saavedra said. The new MVD Office is expected to open following construction which is expected to begin in

August



National Hispanic Cultural Center

The National Hispanic Cultural Center will host 12 World Music acts from 5 continents on 3 stages in one night. Three members of the western U.S. world music community have joined forces with the National Hispanic Cultural Center and the City of Albuquerque to create ¡Globalquerque! – New Mexico's First World Music and Culture Celebration. The festival will take over the entire campus of the **National Hispanic Cultural Center at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6**, showcasing 12 bands from 5 continents on 3 stages over the course of one evening.

The three-stage festival will feature twelve world music artists, including representative artists from New Mexico's varied musical traditions. A staggered schedule will allow people to sample the broadest range of performances in environments ranging from a small intimate theater to an outdoor stage on the plaza. Confirmed performers include: Kiran Ahluwalia (India/Canada), Rahim AlHaj (Iraq/New Mexico), The Bills (Canada), Black Eagle (Jemez Pueblo, New Mexico), Marta Gomez (Columbia/US), Lura (Cape Verde/Portugal), No Jazz (France), Los Reyes de Albuquerque (Albuquerque, New Mexico), Samarabalouf (French Gypsy Jazz).

The first ¡Globalquerque! will be both a public event and an affiliated showcase for the Western Arts Alliance (WAA) conference being held in Albuquerque September 7 – 11. WAA attendees consist of performing arts presenters from all over the region. This will be a great opportunity for visiting presenters to experience a world-class event in Albuquerque. The broad range of performance spaces is designed to provide showcase opportunities for bands of all sizes. The festival will be one of the premier showcase events of the 2005 WAA conference, as well as a major cultural event for Albuquerque. For further information, visit <www.abqmusic.com/globalquerque.html> or contact Neal Copperman at **505-232-9868**, <neal@abqmusic.com> or Tom Frouge at **505-771-3166** <tom@avokado.net>



**Find Out Who These Guys Are
At ¡Globalquerque!**



NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP

ACROSS THE FENCE

(The Office of Neighborhood Coordination received the following email. We wanted to share it with you.)

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to you anonymously in reference to a man who has done so much for our community and others throughout the State of New Mexico. Mr. Andrew (Drew) Baughman has been the President of the Princess Jeanne Neighborhood Association (PJNA) for the past 2½ years. He has taken it upon himself to better our community by making it a safer place to live, provide for all residents, and better the overall appearance of our neighborhood. In addition, Mr. Baughman spends hundreds of hours per year assisting veterans and the elderly with Disability Claims Service counseling and residential improvements for those less fortunate making life a bit easier and improve situations to meet their needs.

Mr. Baughman, as a leader, has stepped forward to implement youth activities and programs at the Jeanne Bellamah Community Center. His efforts help between 90 to 160 youth per day during the summer months alone. Mr. Baughman has introduced flag etiquette classes, cooking classes, sports training camps, counseling and personal approach for all those in our community. Additionally, Mr. Baughman took it upon himself to apply for and receive Capitol Outlay Project funds from the State of New Mexico to provide for improvements for the Jeanne Bellamah Community Center and Tomasita Park which has not received improvements and/or upgrades since 1992. Without his strong concern and dedication, our Community Center would have continued to deteriorate out from under the center staff and those who use this facility.

Seeing the need and issue of income and single parent families, Mr. Baughman fought the City of Albuquerque over fees being charged to families using community centers. Before his involvement, fees were being charged to families, at a rate of \$20 per child per week, to use community centers and those fees were deposited into the City

General Fund and not being returned to our community centers to meet center needs and upkeep. Mr. Baughman took ridicule from City officials for his actions but has continued this drive.

In addition to working for each family and each child, Mr. Baughman has put countless hours into a Neighborhood Watch and Patrol Program. His efforts and drive have made this community safer by reducing crime and graffiti, conducting Sidewalk Patrol before and after school to ensure our children are safe, and does this without

any financial support from the residents or PJNA. The past two (2) years, the PJNA has held National Night Out events to raise awareness for crime prevention in our neighborhood which has brought hundreds of residents together. Mr. Baughman has been the organizer and planner, presenter, ambassador to local businesses, a mailman delivering flyers for every neighborhood event and runs away when the credit is due him.

Lastly, whether it has been through community-wide cleanup campaigns, establishing neighborhood safety programs, enforcing speed limits in our school

zones for our children, mentoring neighborhood youth and helping our seniors with numerous ventures, Mr. Baughman has made the Princess Jeanne Neighborhood Association a great place to live. Due to an undying commitment to others, the Barrett House (a women and children's Domestic Abuse and Homeless Facility) was brought to our community as a direct influence of Mr. Baughman's Safe Neighbors First initiative. Without professionals like Mr. Baughman, communities cannot grow and become models for future generations; and I say that passionately!

Mr. Baughman is a true **HERO**, right here in our neighborhood and for all of Albuquerque, New Mexico, in the true sense of the word. What is remarkable about his accomplishments is that Mr. Baughman does this while suffering through the pain of the debilitating disease known as "Lou Gehrigs Disease". Mr. Baughman lives as a leader should and is always the "Man" for the people. Mr. Baughman deserves to be recognized as a leader, an example to our youth, and an all around hero. We ask that you please recognize his efforts and commitment honorably as we do every day and chance that we get.

Sincerely,
Anonymous



"Drew" Baughman,
commanding complete
attention at the helm

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



Herb Howell

FROM THE
MANAGER'S
DESK

What Is A Neighborhood Association?

Often neighborhood associations are formed around formal boundaries and in response to a current or anticipated issue affecting that segment of the community. When the Office of Neighborhood Coordination was initially formed it was done so to provide for official "Recognition Status" and Land Use notification to neighborhood associations. In fact the Ordinance is called the "Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance". At that time, local neighborhood leaders served to help draft that legislation. It was a community based effort.

There is an eight part list of criteria for recognition for a neighborhood association as well as seven key responsibilities of a recognized association. Failure to comply with any of these criteria or responsibilities could result in the forfeiture of the full "Recognized" status for your association. Loss of recognition status immediately results in no requirement for notification of pending or proposed land use changes in your neighborhood. Your standing at the various Hearing Boards and Commissions concerned with all aspects of land use is diminished, as a result. Pro-active neighborhood associations do not take such risks.

Without going into a great deal of detail on the Recognition Criteria, here is a brief summary of key points.

1. The Geographic Boundaries shall be reasonable; "Boundaries are recommended to include an area of the City not more than one square mile and not less than 15 acres or 4 blocks."
2. "The association shall make full membership open to all persons residing within its boundaries and to all legal entities owning property or having a place of business within its boundaries."
3. There are numerous defining paragraphs about the Annual General Meeting (AGM) notification requirements as well as related paperwork and submission

timing for the AGM.

The responsibilities of a Recognized Association help define what really constitutes a neighborhood association. The following are quoted from the Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance 14-8-2-5.

"Recognized neighborhood associations shall:

- (A) *By interaction with their members, residents, and the city, strive to uphold good planning, protect the environment, promote the community welfare. Communication should be fostered between the recognized neighborhood association and city government on plans, proposals, and activities affecting the area.*
- (B) *Attempt to inform members and other eligible participants in their neighborhood issues for discussion.*
- (C) *Establish an orderly and democratic means for making representative decisions.*
- (D) *Establish and follow a clear method for reporting to the city actions which accurately reflect the neighborhood's position. When a neighborhood association presents its official position on a city issue, it shall be prepared to identify whether the decision was reached by the board, a poll of the general membership, or by a vote at a general membership, and the vote for or against the position.*
- (E) *Comply with its by-laws provisions as specified in paragraph 14-8-2-4 (concerning Recognition requirements) above.*
- (F) *Notify the City Office of Neighborhood Coordination and the District City Councilor(s) of general membership meetings at least two weeks in advance, when possible."*

A quick review of the above material should remind each neighborhood to play by their own rules and operate in the best interests of the membership; not a select few who hold offices. Neighborhoods today are facing huge amounts of internal conflicts and it is often by a failure to operate by the above responsibilities. Leaders are increasingly operating in self interest, violating their own rules, and ignoring the democratic pro-

cesses that are fundamental to the very foundation of the Ordinance we are expected to play by.

When ONC is called in to judge the internal operations of any given neighborhood association, we are bound by the Ordinance and your own by-laws as the guide for decision making and interpretation. The Office of Neighborhood Coordination is mandated to maintain a neutral education and facilitative position. We are not to choose sides and support one neighborhood entity against another. The City Legal Department and the State's Attorney General have advised us to maintain this neutral position. That neighbor to neighbor or neighborhood to neighborhood conflicts are to be handled through the court systems. The Office of Neighborhood Coordination is to provide education, maintain records, insure recognition compliance, and to be a resource to the neighborhoods, just not referee the disagreements.

Thanks For Your Response

Last month I asked neighborhood associations their opinions on a staff initiated idea to, *perhaps*, reduce the number of neighborhood associations in Albuquerque based on the boundaries of elementary schools.

The responses were thoughtful, well written and articulate. Clearly, those who responded stated that this was not a good idea. Respondents felt that this could diminish citizen input and was not in the best interest of existing neighborhood associations purposes because it would dilute their sense of identity. Every response I have received was against this idea. It is pretty clear to me the question should no longer be asked or pursued.

I appreciate the time and effort that neighborhood leaders spent to call or write to me concerning this question. Thank you for continuing support and assisting us in keeping our purpose clear.

Herb Howell



NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



A Message From The Mayor

Mayor Martin J. Chávez

Sunport Landscape Modifications - A Community Effort

Two years ago, we decided that the appearance of our gateway needed to be brought up to national benchmark standards. Our airport, after all, serves as a first and last impression to millions of visitors to our community and state, and should reflect the nature and beauty of our environment.

In support of the City's critical efforts to conserve water, the modifications would need to incorporate significant water conservation as well.

Today construction is well underway at the Sunport to modify the existing landscaping and make significant improvements to Albuquerque's gateway.

The existing landscaping, installed as part of the airport improvement program in 1987 and the construction of Sunport Boulevard in the mid 90's, was done as an extension of other projects and within the means of those project budgets.

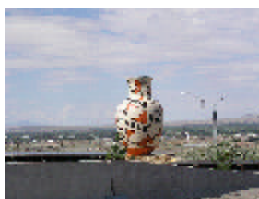
Construction for this project was begun in early 2005 and the initial phase, which includes the medians and side slopes of Sunport Boulevard from Interstate 25 to Yale is now nearly complete. Designed by Sites Southwest, LLC and constructed by Westwind Landscape Construction, Inc., the landscape portion of the project is currently estimated at \$2.5 million.

The project incorporates mass plantings of xeric species, rock barriers and mulch, water-harvesting techniques as part of the drainage system and new message signage for welcoming and information purposes.

To compliment the new look, the City of Albuquerque Aviation Department commissioned and has received a spectacular metal sculpture that is

located on the retaining wall north of Sunport and immediately west of Yale. The piece, called La Serpentina, was done by artist Rogelio Madero, and is 800' long and weighs in at 12,300 pounds.

The sculpture represents the festive serpentina or party ribbon, a part of Hispanic tradition. The sculpture adds to the already significant art collection at the airport, a major part of the City's public art program.



To tie the entire effort together with the rest of our community's transportation network, the

project has also incorporated the use of the large-scale Native American pots seen on Interstate 40. Made locally and painted by Native American artists, they represent yet another important part of our culture.

The entire project is scheduled for completion late this year. I hope you will take a moment to come enjoy these beautiful reflections of our diverse community.

Tricentennial Update

Albuquerque's Tricentennial Baking, Cooking, and Roasting Cookoff

In celebration of Albuquerque's Tricentennial Agriculture and Cuisine Month, the City of Albuquerque Cultural Services Department will be hosting a Cookoff on Civic Plaza on **Saturday, August 20 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

In addition to the festive cooking, baking, and roasting competitions a variety of free activities will be taking place, including a pie eating contest sponsored by the Flying Star Café, live music and dance, and children's crafts, fun jumps, and face painting. Food will be available on site for purchase.

Contests include: Albuquerque's Tricentennial Birthday Cake Decorating and Baking, "Adult" and "Youth" Cookie Baking, Chile Roasting and Peeling, Green Chile Stew and Salsa.

For more information please call **505-768-3585** or just dial **311**.

Electronic Recycle Day



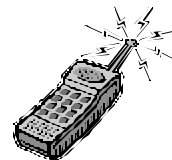
Intel New Mexico will hold its annual Electronics Recycle **collection Friday, August 19 from 2 p.m.**

to 6 p.m. and Saturday, August 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cottonwood Mall near the Dillard's parking lot.

Most people don't realize there are options for used or broken electronic devices beyond curbside garbage collection. Less than 10% of the 3 million tons of solid waste generated each year

in New Mexico is recycled. Approximately 5% of this solid waste is electronics. Recycling reduces the potential for contamination seeping into landfill soil from the metals in electronics.

This is your chance to recycle your personal outdated computers, cell phones, and electronic equipment that do not contain liquids or gasses. All equipment collected will be recycled in an environmentally safe manner. The event is open to all residents and small businesses in New Mexico. Contact Katherine Martinez at **893-3372** for additional information. Let's keep New Mexico beautiful!





City Council

Council staff may be reached at **768-3100**. The agenda for an upcoming council meeting may be checked by calling **768-3100** after 1 p.m. on the Friday immediately prior to the council meeting. The City Council's fax number is **768-3227**. Agendas, Action Items and Summaries are available on the Council's webpage at www.cabq.gov/council/counsched.html.

CIP Decade Plan Complete

The City of Albuquerque's 2005-2014 Decade Plan for Capital Improvements process is now complete and a \$121 million package has been finalized for consideration by the voters of Albuquerque on the October 4th, 2005 municipal election ballot. However, the process involved in completing the final Capital Improvements Program (CIP) was a challenging one with many points of contention between the Mayor and the City Council about the prioritization of funding. In the end, a majority of the City Council sought to prioritize funding of basic infrastructure needs in Albuquerque (through amendments that funded street improvements, sidewalk rehabilitation, fire station rehabilitation and public transit improvements). The Mayor's proposed expenditures included \$7,400,000 for the Balloon Fiesta Park and \$5,800,000 for the City Zoo's Asian Experience and Aquarium South Pacific Ocean Experience.

On July 6, 2005, the Council adopted the CIP plan with amendments that provided funding for mitigation of the impacts of the Coors /I-40 project, for library building renovation and for improvements for the Westside Community Center. Other amendments to the Mayor's Decade Plan added funding for Westside Transit Improvement, Community Center Rehabilitation, Fire Station Rehabilitation and funding for creating more lively, walkable, mixed-use, multi-modal corridors and centers, called the "Great Streets" program. Several of the projects could generate match funding of up to \$23,500,000 from the federal government.

These funding priorities were submitted by a majority of the City Councilors via amendments to the Mayor's proposed plan. To afford the prioritized spending, the Balloon Fiesta Park's funding was reduced by \$1,500,000 while still providing \$5,900,000 for the project in the plan. The Albuquerque's Asian Experience project was reduced by \$1,800,000 with \$1,000,000 still remaining for the improvements to the park's elephant exhibit. \$2,700,000 was reduced from the Albuquerque BioPark's South Pacific Ocean Experience. These significant funding increases were argued as economic development strategies for the entire city. However, despite over \$10,000,000 of increased investment since 2003, combined revenue between the Albuquerque Zoo and Aquarium has grown only \$50,000 since FY/03.

The Mayor also vetoed several additional projects that had been part of his original CIP plan, including \$7,200,000 for the construction of the North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center (there are currently no community centers in City Council District 4) and \$750,000 for improvements in the Sawmill / Wells Park Metropolitan Redevelopment Area. He also vetoed the wording agreed upon by a majority of the City Council for a Westside Bus/Rapid Transit "Queue Jumper" lane system, sidewalk improvements, median landscaping and street improvements sought through the "Great Streets" program. These projects are now listed as general line items in the CIP plan.

As established by 2005 CIP Policy R-05-33, "it shall be the policy of the City of Albuquerque that a goal of approximately 90% of the 2005 general obligation bond program and decade plan shall be for rehabilitation and deficiency correction of existing facilities." Many projects in the current CIP plan are classified as "rehabilitation" when in fact they involve new / expanded services. Nevertheless, the Mayor's line-item veto required six votes to have been overridden and veto override fell short of this level of support.

LUCC



Notice is hereby given that the **Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission** will hold a public hearing at **3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14, 2005** in the Basement Hearing Room of the Plaza Del Sol building, located at 600 2nd Street NW, to discuss the following: **The Order Of The Legal Ad Is Not Necessarily The Order Of The Agenda.**



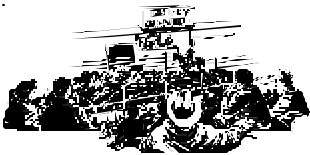
REQUESTS FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS:

Project #1004318, 05LUCC-01134 Decision for Certificate of Appropriateness CAROL ANN GIANNINI requests the above action for the a roof replacement with the installation of 4 skylights at a residence located at 412 12th St., on Lot 5, Block 8 of the Perea Addition, zoned SU2-SF, in the 4th Ward Historic Overlay Zone. (J-13)

Project #1002509, 05LUCC-01222 Decision for a Certificate of Appropriateness MICHAEL WEWERKA, agent for Janet Butler, requests the above action for the construction of an addition to the rear of the residence at 520 Luna NW, more particularly described as the southerly 48' and the northerly 96' of Lots 6-9, of the Luna Place Addition, zoned SU2-SF, in the 4th Ward Historic Overlay Zone. (J-13)

Project #100889, 05LUCC-01249 Appeal of a Staff Decision on Certificate of Compliance DIGREGORY BROS., INC. appeals LUCC staff decision related to signage and lighting located at 320 Central SE, on all or a portion of Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 9 of the Huning Highlands Addition, zoned SU2/CRZ, in the Huning Highlands - East Downtown Conservation Overlay Zone. (K-14)

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES who need special assistance to participate at this hearing should contact Nolean Smith, Planning Department, at 924-3662 (VOICE) or TTY users may access the voice number via the New Mexico Relay Network by calling 1-800-659-8331. For more information contact the Planning Department at 924-3860.

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Monday, August 22 •City Council – 5 p.m.* (*Tentative)	Wednesday, September 7 •AAB – 9 a.m. •DRB – 9 a.m. •Westside Coalition – 7 p.m.	Thursday, September 15 •EPC Hearing – 8:30 a.m. •SVCNA – 6:30 p.m.	Thursday, September 22 •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m.
Tuesday, August 23 •BOA – 9 a.m.		Monday, September 19 •City Council – 5 p.m.	Monday, September 26 •City Council – 5 p.m.* (*Tentative)
Wednesday, August 24 •DRB – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m.	Thursday, September 8 •EPC Study Session – 4 p.m. •GWPB – 8:30 a.m. •TAB – 9:30 a.m. •POC – 4 p.m.	Tuesday, September 20 •ZHE – 9 a.m. •GARTC – 4:30 p.m.	Tuesday, September 27 •BOA – 9 a.m.
Wednesday, August 31 •DRB – 9 a.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m.		Wednesday, September 21 •DRB – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing •ADC – 3 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.	Wednesday, September 28 •DRB – 9 a.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m.
	Monday, September 12 •City Council – 5 p.m. •SWAN – 6:30 p.m. •GABAC – 4:30 p.m.		
	Wednesday, September 14 •DRB – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m. •AQCB – 5:15 p.m.		

2005 CALENDAR LEGEND

AAB - Airport Advisory Board, Aviation Department Executive Conference Room, 244-7700
ACTMI - Advisory Committee on Transit for the Mobility Impaired - Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE, 764-8932
ADC - Albuquerque Development Commission - Hearing Room, Basement Level, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW
AQCB - Air Quality Control Board, Council Commission Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall
BOA - Board of Appeals, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, Basement Level, 600 Second St. NW
City Council - Council/Commission Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall
District 4 Coalition - Cherry Hills Library, 6901 Barstow NE
District 6 Coalition - Cesar Chavez Community Center, 7505 Kathryn SE
District 7 Coalition - Sandia High School, Lecture Hall, 7801 Candelaria NE
District 8 Coalition - James Joseph Dwyer Memorial Substation, 12700 Montgomery NE
DRB -Development Review Board, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second Street NW, Basement Level
EPC - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second St. NW, Basement Level
EPC Pre-Hearing - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second St. NW, Third Fl. Conf. Room
EPC Study Session - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW, Third Fl. Conf. Room
GABAC - Greater Albuquerque Bicycling Advisory Committee, City Hall, Room 302, 768-2680
GARTC - Greater Albuquerque Recreational Trails Committee - Locations vary, call 768-5308 for information
GWPB - Ground Water Protection Board - Room 302 City/County Building, 400 Marquette NW
LEPC - Local Emergency Planning Committee - 11510 Sunset Gardens SW, 833-7300 or <www.lepcabqbernco.org> for more information
LUCC - Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second St. NW, Basement Level
North Valley Coalition - Los Griegos Multi-Service Center, 1231 Candelaria NW
POC - Police Oversight Commission, City/County Building, Lower Level, 1 Civic Plaza, 5th and Marquette
SVCNA - South Valley Coalition of Neighborhoods Associations - South Valley BSCO Sheriff's Substation, 2039 Isleta SW.
SWAN - South West Alliance of Neighborhoods, Alamosa Multi-Service Center, 6900 Gonzales SW
TAB - Transit Advisory Board - Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE, 764-6121
Westside Coalition - Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina NW
ZHE - Zoning Hearing Examiner, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, Basement Level, 600 Second St. NW

EPC Hearing Notice

Publication of EPC hearing notices in the *Albuquerque Journal* will now occur on the **Wednesday - 22 days prior** to the public hearing on the **3rd Thursday of the month**. The hearing notice includes the time, place and date of the hearing along with a brief description of each application on the agenda. Previously, hearing notices were published 15 days before the public hearing. The reason for this change is to meet the advertising requirements for EPC study sessions which occur on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Rather than advertising the hearing and study session separately, a single notice will be prepared to advertise both. Contact the Planning Department at **924-3860** if you have questions.

Neighborhood Alert – Be aware that public comments at EPC Meetings have a time limitation due to the length of the EPC Hearings. The **48-Hour Rule of the EPC**: All written materials and other documents shall be submitted to the Planning Dept. no later than **9 a.m.** on the **Tuesday** of the Public Hearing week. For an Appeal Hearing – no communication with EPC is allowed within five days of the Public Hearing.

In order to make maximum use of the following information please note:

- Scan the entire list to see if your neighborhood association has a case this month.
- The name and phone number of the developer/agent is listed so that you can easily contact them should you have any questions.
- The assigned staff planner is identified with each agenda item should you need additional information (i.e., check on the actual placement of your case on the agenda). All staff may be reached at **924-3860**.
- On the day of the Hearing, call Planning at **924-3860** and the receptionist will give you the status of the Hearing.
- Staff reports are available at the Planning Office beginning at **3 p.m.** on the **Thursday** prior to the EPC Hearing.

On the **2nd Thursday of each month**, the EPC has a Study Session to review the applications scheduled for the all-day public hearing which occurs on the **3rd Thursday of each month**. As with the Public Hearing, **the public is invited** to attend the Study Sessions; however, Study Sessions do not provide an open forum. Discussion is limited to staff and the EPC. Study Sessions regularly begin at **4 p.m.** in the Plaza del Sol Hearing Room. Please call the Planning Department at **924-3860** to confirm the Study Session schedule as adjustments are made occasionally.

Please note that the **Pre-Hearing Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, August 24, 2005 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Planning Conference Room, Third Floor. The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **Thursday, September 15, 2005 at 8:30 a.m.** in the Plaza del Sol (basement) Hearing Room for the following cases:

Northwest

Ventana Ranch (neighborhood association); 05EPC-00561 and 01109, Project #1004091 (case #'s); Approximately twelve (12) acre(s) located on the north side of Irving Boulevard NW between Del Oeste Road NW and Rainbow Road NW (**location of request**); A-9 (**zone atlas page #**); Rio Grande Engineering at **872-0999**, agent for Amalgamated Partners (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests approval of an Annexation to enter City of Albuquerque jurisdiction and Zone Map Amendment from A-1 to RD-RLT for five (5) dwelling units per acre (**action requested**); Elizabeth Pincus at **924-3343 (city staff planner)**.

Coors Trail, Taylor Ranch, Alban Hills; 05EPC-01260, Project #1004365; Approximately one (1) acre(s) located on the south side of Bosque Plaza Lane NW between Coors Boulevard NW and La Orilla Road NW; E-12; Tierra West, LLC at **858-3100**, agent for Kevin Davis; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed Dairy Queen Treat Works Store at 3720 Bosque Plaza Lane NW with a drive-up service window; Catalina Lehner at **924-3935**.

Sky View Acres; 05EPC-01262, Project #1004366; Approximately two (2) acres located on the north side of Cottonwood (NM 528) between Cottonwood Drive NW and American Road NW; A-14; CBL Architects, Ltd. at **765-1020**, agent for Fahim Adi; Requests approval of a EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed 8,500 square foot restaurant facility - "*The Falls Restaurant*"; Stephanie Shumsky at **924-3933**.

Ventana Ranch; 05EPC-01264 and 01263, Project #1002346; Approximately nine (9) acres located on the north side of Paradise Boulevard NW between Universe Boulevard NW and Paradise Boulevard NW; B-10; George Rainhart Architects at **884-9110**, agent for Grady Rentals, LLC; Request approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit and Subdivision for proposed Retail Shops, Fast Food Restaurant and another restaurant or bank at "*Ventana Square*"; Carmen Marrone at **924-3814**.

Paradise Hills Civic; 05EPC-01265, Project #1003918; Approximately twenty (20) acres located on the south side of Buglo Avenue NW between Lyons Boulevard NW and Justin Road NW; B-11; Rio Grande Engineering at **321-9099**, agent for David and Jennifer Soule; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed two (2) one-story, 5,100 square foot Office Buildings; Carmen Marrone at **924-3814**.

Northeast

Nor Este; 05EPC-01254 and 01255, Project #1003359; Approximately one (1) acre(s) located on north side of Eagle Rock Avenue NE between San Pedro Drive NE and Louisiana Boulevard NE; C-18; Consensus Planning, Inc. at **764-9801**, agent for Aleem Kassam; Requests approval of a Zone Map Amendment from SU-2 IP to R-D and an EPC Sector Development for proposed single family homes; Elizabeth Pincus at **924-3343**.

Academy Acres North; 05EPC-01257 and 01261, Project #1000871; Approximately three (3) acres located on the north side of Harper Avenue NE between I-25 Freeway Frontage Road and Barnhart Street NE; E-17; David Aube, Design Group at **242-6880**, agent for Jim Jeppson; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit for a proposed Eye Associate of New Mexico Building; David Stallworth at **924-3940**.

Alameda North Valley, Northeast Valley, North Edith Commercial Corridor; 05EPC-01266, Project #1004367; Approximately six (6) acres located on the west side of Edith Boulevard NE between Osuna Road NE and Tyler Road NE; E-15; Advanced Engineering and Consulting, LLC at **899-5570**, agent for David Ellen; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed Indoor Sales and Services of Irrigation Equipment; Catalina Lehner at **924-3935**.

Southwest

Avalon, Westgate Heights, Route 66 West; 05EPC-02345, Project #1004354; Approximately nine (9) acres located on the east side of 98th Street SW between Central Avenue SW and Volcano Road SW; K-9; Tierra West, LLC at **858-3100**, agent for Acre Partners; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Subdivision for a proposed retail shops and sit-down restaurants; Stephanie Shumsky at **924-3933**.

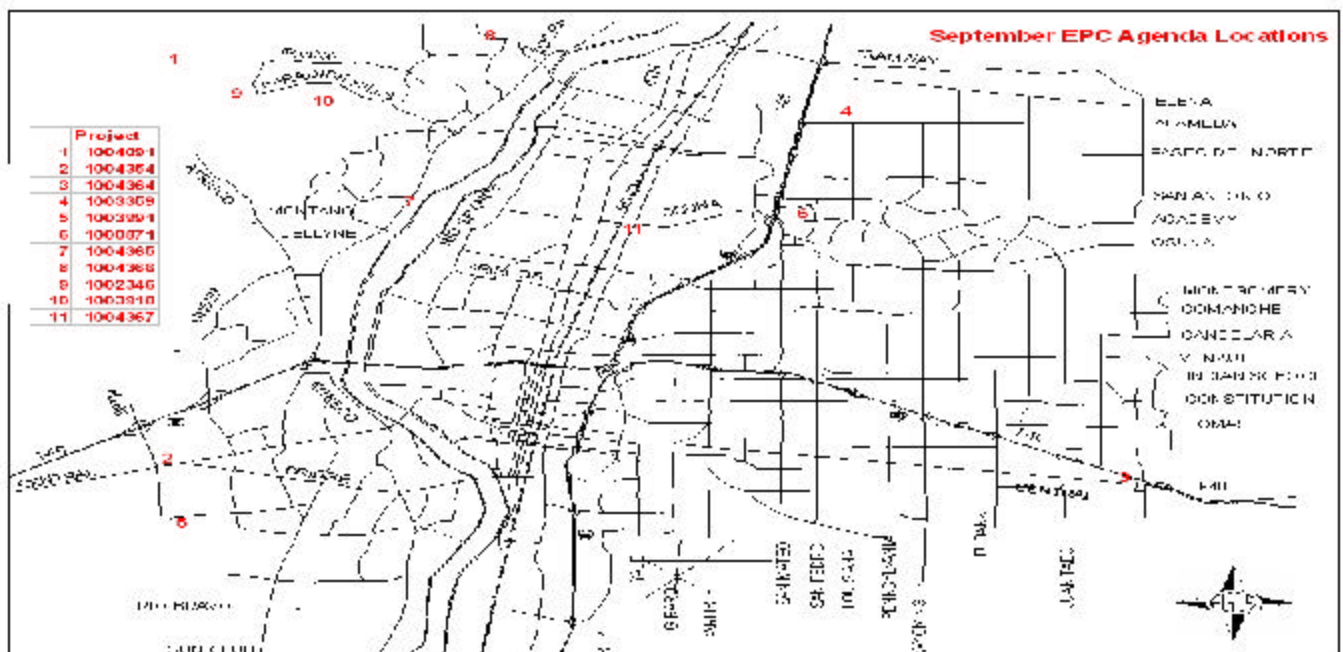
Route 66 West, Westgate Heights, Westgate Vecinos; 05EPC-01256, Project #1003991; Approximately four (4) acres located on the east side of Snow Vista Boulevard SW between Sage Road SW and Reba Avenue SW; M-9; Tierra West, LLC at **858-3100**, agent for Frontera Development, Inc.; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed 26,000 square foot of retail shops; Stephanie Shumsky at **924-3933**.

Southeast

Singing Arrow; 05EPC-01252 and 01253, Project #1004364; Approximately four (4) acres located on the north side of Central Avenue SE between Dorado SE and Tramway Boulevard SE; L-22; Brasher and Lorenz, Inc. at **888-6088**, agent for Value Place, LLC; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Subdivision and an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed 121 hotel room, "Value Place Hotel"; David Stallworth at **924-3940**.

EPC Case Reference Map

(*Not to scale, for reference purposes only*)



Water Utility Department
Wastewater Division

Sewer Odors In Our City



The current hot weather (including atmospheric pressure) + type of sewage + condition of the sewer line = a not so pleasant odor. This isn't your typical calculation, but it is an equation that David Montes, Odor Control Technician has dealt with for the last six years.

There are eight odor control stations in Albuquerque. These stations add one of two chemicals; Ferrous chloride or Bioxide. In the past chlorine or hydrogen peroxide was used to control odors, but hydrogen peroxide required large doses, and chlorine gas is hazardous in nature. Ferrous chloride and Bioxide are used because they are effective for long term odor control.

The effect of the stations is monitored downstream using the concentration of hydrogen sulfide present in the sewer line. Samples are taken every five minutes, and feed rates are adjusted based on the data collected at the monitoring stations. The goal at the stations is to reduce sulfides to below 10 parts per million.

An odor control "superstation" is currently under construction on El Pueblo and Edith NE (near General Mills). The station will serve several purposes because it has two lines available for feeding ferrous chloride to Edith, and the North Valley simultaneously. In addition, there will be a line carrying ferric chloride to the water plant on Montano. Ferric Chloride is used as a coagulant in the treatment of water.

Montes, states "despite our best efforts sometimes conditions change without warning, so if you smell a strong odor of hydrogen sulfide (rotten egg odor) in your neighborhood it can be an indication of changing conditions or other problems in the collection system. The fastest and most efficient way to contact Odor Control about a problem is to call the *Water Emergency Dispatch Office* at **857-8250**."

Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority

In their 2003 Session, the New Mexico Legislature approved Senate Bill 887 which transferred the municipal water and sewer utility to the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority. In the 2005 Session, Senate Bill 879 was passed, granting the Authority the statutory powers provided to all public water and wastewater utilities in the state. The Authority's membership includes three Bernalillo County Commissioners, three Albuquerque Councilors, and the Albuquerque Mayor. A Village of Los Ranchos Trustee is an Ex Officio member.

The Authority is focused regionally on conservation, elimination of septic tanks and provision of potable water to the developed areas of the north and south valley. It is striving to make improvements to the existing distribution system to avoid water losses, to bring the surface drinking water project

online, and to comply with arsenic standards. In addition, it is working toward realizing better management efficiencies for rate payers and providing long range planning and delivery for water and wastewater in Albuquerque and Bernalillo County. The Authority has adopted an aggressive FY 06 goals and objectives program to lay the ground work for a more effective, customer and employee-oriented, and proactive organization. For more information, go to www.wuaweb.com.

Department of Municipal Development

"Energy Conservation Council"

Do you turn the faucet off when you brush your teeth? What about turning off the light when you leave a room at night? These two small acts of energy conservation may not seem like a lot, but when combined with the hundreds of thousands of people who live in Albuquerque, it can quickly add up.

When Mayor Martin Chávez said the City of Albuquerque would increase the amount of energy it's conserving, he set the bar for everyone in the City, and the state of New Mexico to aim for.

At the end of March, the Mayor issued an executive order that establishes high performance green building standards for City projects. As part of the Energy Conservation Council's Annual Report, the Mayor in his letter preceding the report wrote:

"We do not have a limitless source of energy, and we want to be able to sustain our great city for generations to come. Therefore, I am requiring any new city buildings 5,000 square feet and above, or any building that uses more than 50 KW of energy will be required to meet the 'silver' standard. Also, all renovations of existing city buildings requiring two of the three major system replacements meet a United State Green Building Council (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certification and that all other renovations, repairs, and replacements employ best green building practices.

The use of green buildings practices can improve employee productivity, improve building operational performance, reduce building operating costs, and improve compatibility between the natural and built environments. Also, due to their energy efficiency and other features, green buildings tend to receive a relatively high degree of public attention, increasing the exposure of any renewable energy systems they incorporate.

The City of Albuquerque is saving energy in other ways, for example, every light in every traffic signal in the City of Albuquerque will be converted to LED (Light Emitting Diode). So far, every red light and nearly 60% of green lights have been changed to LED. The old traffic signals were costing nearly \$800 a month, once the conversion is complete, the monthly cost will be around \$80 a month. That's a savings of more than one million dollars a year.

It doesn't matter if it's one family, or the entire City working to conserve energy we all need to do it together."

CITY SCOOP

News From City Departments

AFD

Submitted by Lt. Lynne Reule



71st Fire Academy Class Graduates



Cadets nervously await individual inspection by an **Instructor of the 71st Albuquerque Fire Academy Class** during the membership's first official uniform inspection on July 26, 2005.

Albuquerque Police Department

Submitted By Raymond D. Schultz, Chief of Police

The Albuquerque Police Department Wants Your Help

I would like to again invite interested citizens to apply for a position on the Albuquerque Police Department's Public Safety Partnership. As I mentioned my July article, the APD is working to establish a committee of citizen volunteers who will work with APD personnel to address community public safety issues. Those persons chosen to be one of the PSP members will meet with APD staff on a regular basis and will act as conduit between APD and the community in developing effective responses to re-occurring crime and quality of life issues.

The PSP will be made up of 11 to 13 members selected from around the City, from all quadrants, so that a fair representation is possible. The Community Planning areas will be used to establish geographic areas. We will also work to assure that a minimum of 4 members include representatives from some of the following stakeholder groups: Media, City, County, State or Federal Government, Education, Faith Community, Community Service Providers (Homeless, Mental Health, Children's advocates), Youth.

To qualify to be a candidate for a PSP position, you should have either successfully completed the APD Citizen's Police Academy OR have demonstrated experience, of a positive working relationship, with police on public safety issues through involvement with City government/community group.

Interested citizens are invited to submit an application to be considered for one of the positions on the PSP. The PSP Application Process is described below.

Application packets MUST include all of the following to be considered as complete:

1. The City of Albuquerque Level II Volunteer Application.
2. Successful completion of the APD's Citizen's Police Academy (include copy of diploma/certificate of completion); or have demonstrated experience of positive collaboration

with the police, City government or a community group regarding public safety issues. Documentation of this collaboration should be attached in the form of a 1 to 2 page narrative of your activities.

3. Provide two letters of recommendations from non-family members regarding participation with City government (see #2 above).
4. Undergo same background check as an APD employee.
5. If you are selected to be a finalist for one of the PSP positions, you may be asked for a personal interview with the Chief of Police or his designee.
6. Members will be selected by the Chief of Police with advice from the Mayor.
7. Members will serve staggered terms to assure the continuity of the partnership.

You can get a copy of the PSP application off of the City of Albuquerque Police Department website at <www.cabq.gov/police/> or by calling **311** and asking to have a PSP application mailed to you. Please note, the application period for the PSP will close on **Friday, September 16, 2005 at 5 p.m.**

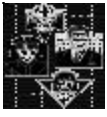
Should you have any questions to the PSP or the application process, please contact Karen Fischer, APD Community Policing Program Manager at **768-2419**.

Federal Communications Commission Do Not Call Registry

Want to reduce the number of unwanted phone calls to your home or cell phone? The FCC established a national Do-Not-Call Registry. Commercial telemarketers may not call you if your number is on the registry.

Customers may register their residential telephone number, including wireless numbers, on the national Do-Not-Call registry at <www.donotcall.gov> or by calling **1-888-382-1222** (TTY **1-866-290-4236**).





APD Crime Prevention 505-924-3600

Submitted By Steve Sink

Workplace Safety

We generally consider crime prevention a residential or public place issue. We take steps to ensure the safety and security of our family, our valuables, and ourselves. However, there is one area we typically ignore. Many of us spend a great deal of our time in the workplace and don't take the appropriate steps to protect and secure this environment. The following crime prevention tips should be considered while in the workplace.

- Keep your purse, wallet, keys (home & work), and other valuables with you or locked in a secure place.
- Mark all personal items with your name and specific number with an engraver. Remember – don't use your Social Security Number due to the proliferation of identity theft.
- Establish a "buddy system" with a trusted coworker. Ask them to keep an eye on your desk or work area even for short periods of time.
- Let a coworker know where you are at all times. Inform someone if you are running late, working late, or going out to lunch, and your approximate arrival time.
- Walk to your vehicle with someone, or if not possible, ask for security assistance.
- Approach and identify any strangers who are not part of the normal environment or if they are acting in a suspicious manner. If you are not comfortable doing this, contact security or management.
- Report all suspicious behavior and activities to security and/or management immediately.
- Do not announce your social plans to people you do not know.
- Report all broken windows, locks, and lights to the appropriate person immediately. Also, report any maintenance issues like trash, debris, and graffiti that send a negative message to the community.
- Evaluate possible "trouble spots" and report your concerns to the appropriate person responsible for maintaining these areas.

Parking lots or garages – Select a well-lighted, well-guarded parking garage. Always lock your vehicle, roll up your windows, take your keys, and remove all personal items from view. If you notice a stranger, leave immediately and notify security. Have your keys ready when you approach the car and lock the doors as soon as your get in. **Stairwells** – Don't use stairs alone, especially if they are in isolated areas and are open to the public. **Elevators** – Don't get into elevators with people who look out of place or behave in a strange or threatening manner. If you find yourself in this situation, get off as soon as possible. **Restrooms** – Be aware that attackers can hide in stalls and corners. **Reception areas or service counters** – Are employees equipped with a panic button for emergencies? Are cameras mounted to view the area and is someone monitoring the image? Do doors have panic locks that can be activated from the workstation? **Violence in the Workplace:** Ask yourself the following questions - if you answer no to any of them, consult with your employer and encourage follow up: 1) Does your business have security guards and sign-in policies for visitors? 2) Does your employer provide safety training? 3) Could you recognize potentially violent employees? 4) Could you recognize early warning signs of violent behavior such as depression, unusual absenteeism, increased irritability, and problems at home? 5) Does your business have a referral process for victims of domestic violence and court is-

sued restraining orders? 6) Does your employer provide a confidential employee assistance program? 7) Does your business have clearly identified employee procedures in case violence occurs and sanctions for violators?

Cultural Services

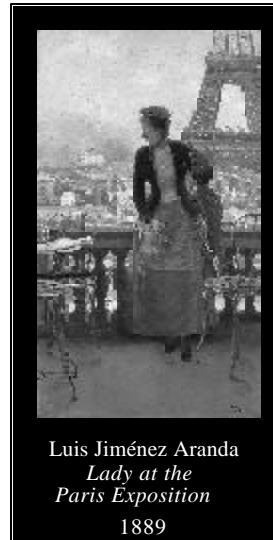
Prelude to Spanish Modernism:

Fortuny to Picasso

At The Albuquerque Museum

August 21- November 27, 2005

Paintings by **Pablo Picasso** will join other impressive works in the upcoming exhibition *Prelude to Spanish Modernism: Fortuny to Picasso* opening at The Albuquerque Museum on **Sunday, August 21**. This outstanding Spanish exhibition is the second in a series of three presented in conjunction with the 300th anniversary of the founding of the City of Albuquerque by the Spanish in 1706.



Luis Jiménez Aranda
*Lady at the
Paris Exposition*
1889

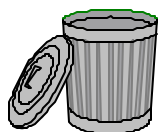
Prelude to Spanish Modernism: Fortuny to Picasso looks at the development of Spanish painting on the international scene between 1860 and 1910. The exhibition features artists who stayed in their native country and fol-

lowed traditional methods of painting taught in Spanish art schools, as well as those who left to explore new ideas.

Paintings by artists **Mariano Fortuny, Eduardo Zamacois, José and Luis Jiménez Aranda, Emilio Sánchez Perrier, Joaquín Sorolla** and **Pablo Picasso** are featured in the exhibition, along with other artists. Sorolla, the most successful living Spanish artist before Picasso, plays a prominent role in the show.

Opening day activities will include a 1 p.m. lecture by Mark A. Roglán, Ph.D., Senior Curator at the Meadows Museum and Assistant Professor in the Division of Art History at Southern Methodist University, a Family Art Workshop from 1 – 4 p.m. and the recreation of "Els Quatre Gats," a Barcelona café that served as one of the great intellectual meeting places of young Pablo Picasso's time.

Prelude to Spanish Modernism: Fortuny to Picasso is organized by The Albuquerque Museum of Art and History in collaboration with the Meadows Museum at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. The exhibition travels to the Meadows where it will be seen December 11, 2005 - February 26, 2006. The exhibition is accompanied by a bilingual catalog with each work in the show reproduced in color. The catalog will be available for purchase in The Gallery Store. For more information, call the museum at **243-7255**.



Talkin' Trash

Submitted by Tina Trekker



September is State Fair time in Albuquerque - time to clean up our community. Mayor Martin Chávez and the City of Albuquerque have declared war on litter with the "Restore the Beauty" anti-litter initiative. With the help of business partnerships, the City is purchasing additional litter containers to be placed along the heaviest used bus routes in an effort to get a handle on the litter that accumulates at our 3000 bus stops throughout the metropolitan area. *Please Do Your Part!*

Take the Rapid to the New Mexico State Fair September 9 - 25, 2005

Again, **ABQ RIDE** will be operating a Park and Ride service for the New Mexico State Fair. This year fair-goers are encouraged to begin their experience by using the Rapid Ride. The usual Park and Ride lots at each end of the route will be open. One is located at the Uptown Transit Center on America's Parkway while the other is located at the corner of Central and Unser. Between September 9 and September 25 kids 11 and under can board the Rapid Ride FREE on weekdays before 7:00 p.m. by bring a new or gently used children's book for the ABQ RIDE literacy program called Discover a Book on ABQ RIDE. Children's Books will soon be available on all ABQ RIDE buses. Passengers will be able to use their monthly bus pass on the Rapid Ride.

Times: September 9 - 25, 2005

Mon. - Sat. - from 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. (every 10 minutes)

Rapid After Dark - 8 p.m. - 3 a.m. (every 20 minutes)

Friday and Saturday ONLY

No Service on Sunday

Fares:

12 and older:	\$1
Honored Citizen:	\$.35
Age 5 through 11:	\$.35
4 and younger:	FREE
11 and younger	FREE (with a Book Donation on weekdays before 7 p.m.)

Traditional New Mexico State Fair Park and Ride

In addition to the Rapid Ride, ABQ RIDE will also offer a traditional Park and Ride from two locations. On the west side, fair-goers can board a bus at the corner of St. Joseph's and Coors and on the east side, fair-goers can board at Coronado Center. Fares are one way and do not include gate admission. You must use exact change.

Times: September 9 - 24 from 9 a.m. to midnight
September 25 - from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Fares:

12 and older	\$1
Honored Citizen	\$.50
Age 5 through 11	\$.50
4 and younger	FREE



Albuquerque Animal Care Center

Submitted By Oscar Solis

AACC Pet Adoption Programs Offer Convenience and Low Prices

Did you know that you can search for a lost pet or view all adoptable Albuquerque Animal Care Center (AACC) shelter animals from the comfort of your own home? Thanks to an online service provided by AACC, you can now check the web to see shelter animals from both the Westside and Eastside Animal Care Centers.

AACC's online lost and adoptable pet search service is but one of many efforts to promote live exits of its shelter animals. This online service not only helps link adoptable shelter animals with potential pet owners, but also gives a lost pet a chance to be reunited with its owner.

Every lost and stray animal is photographed and registered onto an online database the moment they are received by AACC. Visitors can also now search for an adoptable animal by type, age, gender, color and size. Priority holds are also available.

In addition to its online services, AACC has increased its community involvement through mobile adoption events throughout the City. Each month, AACC's adoptable animals are brought to various local vendors in an effort to find loving families who often are unable to find time to visit the Centers.

The events are supported by AACC's volunteers, who work hard showing off the animals to potential adopters and providing valuable information. The animals are groomed and often times pre-sterilized prior to each event so that families who come ready to adopt are able to take their new pet home that same day.

AACC has already done work with such vendors as REI and the Nob Hill-based Celebro Clothing Store, in addition to the March of Dimes. The Care Center is currently in communication with the Coronado Center and the Isotopes about possible future adoption events.

As much as AACC is doing offsite, the Care Center also focuses much attention to promoting onsite adoptions to shelter visitors through various special events and discounted prices.

The past two months AACC has offered its adoptions at half the original fee to encourage New Mexico animal lovers to adopt a new pet. The discount has been effective as many families are welcoming more and more new pets to their homes. The lowered adoption price still includes vaccinations, sterilization, microchip, city license and first vet visit.

For more information about AACC's upcoming mobile adoption events and discounted prices, visit <www.cabq.gov/pets>.



What A Night It Was!

Albuquerque Celebrates
National Night Out 2005

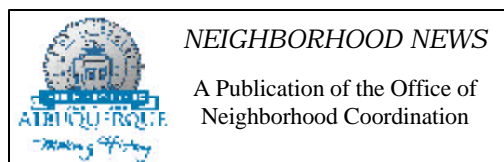


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**Princess Jeanne NA Finds
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